



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 on page 11 and claims 2-5 on page 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) [A toothbrush] An article assembly comprising:

a) an [elongated handle including:] article having
a receivable end.

- [i) a first end;
- ii) a second end;
- iii) a first and second side; and
- iv) a bristle head being positioned
on said first end and extending
from said first side.]

and

b) a stand in the shape of first and second feet,
each of said first and second feet being elongated
to define a toe end and together a common heel end,
said first and second feet being joined together and
positioned together to form a continuous bottom
supporting surface, said heel end of each of said first
and second feet being positioned together to form
a single heel portion, said single heel portion
including a recess extending through a top side
thereof and towards a sole thereof for selectively
receiving said [second] receivable end of said
[handle] article therein, thereby retaining said
[handle] article [in a vertical position] when said
stand is placed on a horizontal surface, said first
and second feet each including a side surface, said
side surfaces intersecting one another in a common
plain.

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2. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand.

3. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said recess in said stand for additionally receiving said [second] receivable end of said [handle] article therein.

4. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said toe end of said first and second feet are at an acute angle to one another.

5. (Amended) [A toothbrush] An article assembly comprising:

a) an [elongated handle including:] article having a receivable end.
[i) a first end;
ii) a second end;
iii) a first and second side; and
iv) a bristle head being positioned on said first end and extending from said first side.]

and

b) a stand in the shape of first and second feet and including a base on which said first and second feet are mounted, said first and second feet and said base each including a recess for receiving said [second] receivable end of said [handle] article therein, thereby retaining said [handle] article [in a vertical position] when said stand and said base are placed on a horizontal surface.

Please add claims 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 as follows:

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6. An article assembly comprising:

A stand in the shape of first and second feet, each of said first and second feet being elongated to define a toe end and together a common heel end, said first and second feet being joined together and positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface, said heel end of each of said first and second feet being positioned together to form a single heel portion, said single heel portion including a recess extending through a top side thereof and towards a sole thereof, said first and second feet including a side surface, said side surfaces intersecting one another in a common plain.

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7. The article assembly as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand.

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8. The article assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said stand.

9. The article assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein said toe end of said first and second feet are at an acute angle to one another.

10. An article assembly comprising:

A stand in the shape of first and second feet and including a base on which said first and second feet are mounted, said first and second feet and said base each including a recess.